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EXPORT OF MARINE PRODUCT FROM WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether West Bengal has vast marine product potential;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for exploitation of the same during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the export of marine products from the State in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith proposal mooted in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government, through the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), have been making efforts to promote aquaculture in coastal states, including West Bengal, through various proportional measures. Several extension programmes like farmers' meets, training programmes, seminars / workshops have been conducted by MPEDA to create awareness among entrepreneurs and farmers to encourage them to undertake shrimp farming in scientific way in order to achieve better yield. Financial assistance for development of new farm is also extended to aquaculture farmers.

(c)&(d) In order to increase the export of marine products from the country, including West Bengal, Government is taking a number of steps, which include the schemes for extending financial assistance for upgrading processing facilities, expansion of aquaculture, imparting of training to aquaculture farmers, assistance for production of value-added products and marketing support.